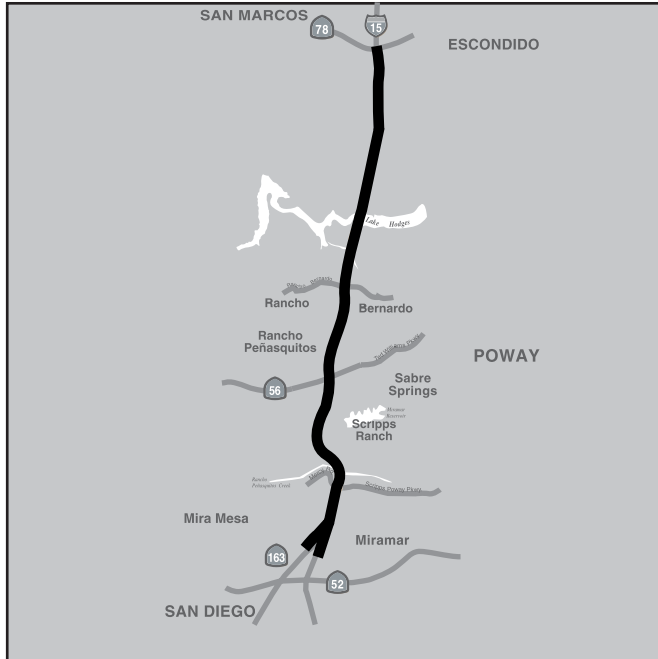




PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Document and Public Hearing Interstate 15 Managed Lanes Project



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to optimize and increase both freeway capacity and transportation alternatives on the Interstate 15 Corridor from State Route 163 to State Route 78. The project will include auxiliary lanes, addition of lanes, managed lanes and a movable median barrier.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects the project alternatives may have on the environment. Our studies show that the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. With the project, wetland impacts and floodplain encroachments are anticipated. A Draft Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) which discusses potential project impacts has been prepared. This notice is to inform you of the Draft EA/IS and MND its availability for review, and a scheduled public hearing. The public hearing is to give you an opportunity to review and discuss proposed project features and the results of environmental studies before a final environmental document is prepared.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING:

There will be no formal presentation. This will be an "Open Forum" hearing where you will have the opportunity to speak directly with Caltrans representatives about the project and its environmental impacts. A Certified Court Reporter will be available to take your comments for the record, or you may make them in writing, if preferred. All substantive comments will be addressed in the Final Environmental Document.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft EA/IS and MND which describes the project is now available to the public for review at the following locations: In San Diego: Carmel Valley Branch, 3919 Townsgate Drive; Mira Mesa Branch, 8405 New Salem Street; Rancho Bernardo Branch, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive; Rancho Penasquitos Branch, 13330 Salmon River Road; and Scripps Ranch Branch, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. In Escondido the East Valley Branch, 2245 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido. In Poway the Poway Branch, at 13137 Poway Road, and the Caltrans District 11 in Old Town, 2829 Juan Street, San Diego.

Project maps/plans, the Draft EA/IS and MND, technical reports, and other project information are also available for review and copying at the Caltrans District Office located at 2829 Juan Street, San Diego on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To obtain a copy of the Draft EA/IS and MND, telephone or write to Larry Carr, Caltrans, P.O. Box 85406, San Diego, CA 92186-5406. The environmental document will also be available on-line at the following web address: www.dot.ca.gov/dist11.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Do you agree with the findings? Your comments will be part of the public records. If you wish, you may make comments at the public hearing, or submit written comments until **November 22, 2002** to: Larry Carr Caltrans, P.O. Box 85406, San Diego, CA 92186-5406. If there are no major concerns or comments on the project, Caltrans will request approval from the Federal Highway Administration and proceed with the final project design.

PUBLIC HEARING:

**TIME: November 14, 2002
4 p.m to 8 p.m.**

**PLACE: Oaks North Community Center
12578 Oaks North Drive, San Diego**

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign or Foreign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670 at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Marcelo Peinado, Design Manager, at (619) 718-7835, or Jason Reynolds, Senior Environmental Planner, at (619) 688-0102. For general information about transportation issues, please call the Caltrans Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670.